

# EAGLE ROAD ARTERIAL STUDY

Eagle Road (Idaho 55) is a state highway intended to move large volumes of traffic safely and efficiently from Interstate 84 to the cities of Boise, Meridian, Eagle and on to McCall. It is part of the national highway system and is one of only three river crossings in western Ada County. It carries up to 51,000 vehicles every day. In recent years, the highway's growing use and the open space along its corridor have brought residential subdivisions and retail growth. The needs of the residents and business owners who live and work along Eagle Road are different from the needs of the tens of thousands of commuters who travel it every day. Access to and from developments has become a concern both for the safety of the vehicles entering the highway as well as for motorists who are traveling it.

## About the study

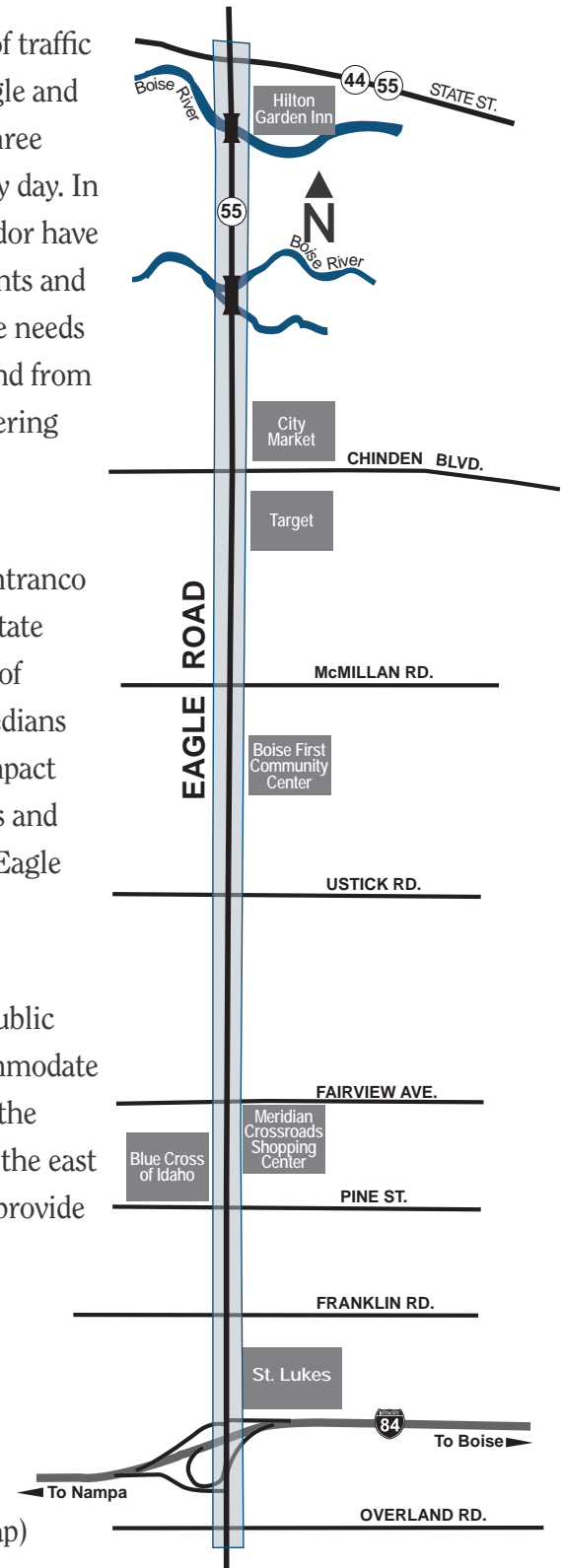
The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) hired the engineering firm Entranco to study the seven-mile Eagle Road corridor between Overland Road and State Street (Idaho 44). The Eagle Road Arterial Study is evaluating the impacts of installing traffic signals at various intersections and/or installing raised medians along stretches of the road. Specifically, this study looks at the potential impact of additional signals and median barricades on travel time, speed, accidents and vehicle delay. The arterial study is looking at short term improvements to Eagle Road. ITD is committed to doing a long-term corridor study in the future.

## ITD would like to hear from you

As part of the study, ITD wants to hear from the public. This month, two public open houses will be held. The open houses are identical. In order to accommodate the large numbers of people interested in this study, residents who live on the west side of Eagle Road will be invited one night and residents who live on the east side of Eagle Road will be invited the other night. These open houses will provide you with an opportunity to review information from the Eagle Road Arterial Study, ask questions and make comments. A final open house will be held on a date to be determined later. The **open houses** are:

**Westside residents** Oct. 28, 5-8 p.m., Boise First Community Center, 3852 N. Eagle Road, Boise (see map)

**Eastside residents** Oct. 29, 5-8 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 145 E. Riverside Dr. (off Eagle Road, south of State Street), Eagle (see map)





Process		Timeline
Stage 1	ITD initiates Eagle Road Arterial Study	January 2003
	Entranco conducts study	February 2003 - Ongoing
	Public open houses held to present study results and hear public comments	October 2003
Stage 2	ITD evaluates technical study and reviews public input	Fall-Winter 2003
	ITD determines options for Eagle Road traffic management	
Stage 3	Open house for final public comment on Eagle Road Arterial Study Staff makes recommendation to the Idaho Transportation Board	To be determined

## How your comments and the study will be used

Public input is an important element and is considered in the decision-making process. Other factors include engineering feasibility, cost and scientific data. Together, these elements give ITD the information it needs to make recommendations to the Idaho Transportation Board. The Board is responsible for making decisions about the future of Eagle Road.

## Contact information

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## Q & A

### 1. Why is ITD doing this study?

The purpose of the Eagle Road Arterial Study is to examine Eagle Road (Idaho 55) from Overland Road to State Street (Idaho 44). Eagle Road serves people in different ways - some live along it, some work and shop along it and some commute along it. Eagle Road users have different needs. ITD staff will try to balance those needs in its recommendation about the future of the road.

### 2. What is the study's focus?

The Eagle Road Arterial Study is examining potential safety and traffic flow effects on the road if additional signals were installed and/or median barricades were built to limit the use of left turns onto the highway. Specifically, this study looks at the impact of additional signals and median barricades on travel time, speed, accidents and vehicle delay.

### What is ITD going to do with the study and how will my comments be used?

ITD wants to hear what you have to say about the study and its findings and give you an opportunity to ask questions. You are invited to a public open house this month to see the study results and make comments. After receiving comments from the public, staff will use what it heard to develop recommendations to the Idaho Transportation Board. The Board is responsible for making decisions about the future of Eagle Road.